



March 21, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes any Tennessee resident, who has suffered an amputation of 75 percent or more of a lower limb, to obtain a permanent sport combination hunting and fishing license for a one-time payment of \$10.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$100/FY21-22
\$300/FY22-23
Exceeds \$500/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005376): Deletes and replaces language of the original bill such that the only substantive change is to require the Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to accept as evidence of such amputation a certificate from a licensed physician in this state.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Currently, this discounted license is only available to Tennessee residents who are permanently restricted to wheelchairs.
- Expanding the eligible applicants will result in a decrease in state revenue, as a portion of these newly eligible applicants would have sought licensure in the absence of this legislation.
- Currently, this hunting and fishing combination license costs \$33.
- A discount of \$23 (\$33 - \$10) for the first year, following which the loss in revenue will equal the full amount of \$33 per license.
- Based on information from the Amputee Coalition, there are approximately 620 lower limb amputees in Tennessee.
- It is assumed that 1 percent of the individuals, or approximately 6 people will choose to purchase this license annually, with a total number of licenses issued by FY23-24 exceeding 18.

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 70-2-104(f), the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is required to be reimbursed for any loss in revenue due to the issuance of free or partially discounted combination hunting and fishing licenses, equal to the discounts received.
- Any net impact to the Wildlife Resources Fund will be not significant.
- Expenditures will be required from the General Fund in order to reimburse the Wildlife Resources Fund.
- This increase in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund is to be paid out of the General Fund.
- An increase in state expenditures from the General Fund in FY21-22 of \$138 (6 x \$23).
- An increase in state expenditures from the General Fund in FY22-23 of \$336 [(6 new issuances x \$23) + (6 reissuance x \$33)].
- An increase in state expenditures to the General Fund in FY23-24 and subsequent years exceeding \$534 [(6 new issuances x \$23) + (6 reissuances x \$33) + (6 reissuances x \$33)]

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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